



DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

Bible from King.
King Edward has offered an appropriate and inscribed Bible to the Protestant Episcopal church at Williamsburg, Va., the second oldest church in the United States, in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Church of Virginia.

WESTERN CANADA'S MARVELOUS RETURNS.

The increase in the crop returns of the Canadian West, in the past seven years, has approached the marvelous, and there is no reason to believe that a corresponding increase will not result for many years to come. The increase has been particularly noticeable in what was formerly known as the Northwest Territories, but which, on September 1, 1905, became the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. From the official returns we find the following results in the acreage sown to wheat, oats and barley in the years mentioned, and a more favorable showing cannot be pointed to in any other country during a like period.

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley
1898	3,075,800	1,057,077	17,088
1899	3,363,823	1,244,058	14,276
1900	4,122,844	1,754,439	17,044
1901	5,044,897	2,249,439	24,702
1902	6,255,758	3,103,287	36,445
1903	8,372,234	4,406,682	58,974
1904	9,955,549	5,233,634	69,154

The yield has been uniformly good every year except 1900, when there appears to have been a slump all along the line. This, however, was more than compensated for in the following year, when the bumper crop in wheat, oats and barley put the returns of all previous years completely in the shade and gave an impetus to settlement in the west which has prevailed to the present, as the following table by bushels will show:

Year	Wheat	Oats	Barley
1898	4,542,478	3,040,307	449,512
1899	4,915,623	3,486,036	337,521
1900	4,028,294	4,226,152	253,216
1901	12,808,447	11,113,066	705,100
1902	13,356,850	10,661,295	970,417
1903	16,029,149	14,179,705	1,842,824
1904	16,875,537	16,332,551	2,205,434

It will be seen that the number of acres sown to wheat, oats and barley in 1898 was 429,749, and that this had increased in 1904 to 1,537,337. The total crop in the cereals mentioned was 9,033,297 bushels in 1898, and in 1904 it had grown to the magnificent total of 35,413,522. In the year just closed the "forward movement" in the agriculture of the west has been the wonder and envy of the world. New sections of the country have been placed under tribute to the plow and harrow, and the grain area has been largely increased. This is particularly the case where it has been demonstrated that "Alberta Red" winter wheat may be successfully grown, and along the lines of the new railways towards the center of the country, where mixed farming prevails.

The future of the Canadian West is assured, and for years to come it is bound to be the land of promise to the agriculturist of every nation and of every clime, and the land of opportunity to every settler within its bounds.

Fuller information can be secured from any Canadian Government Agent.

BOTANICAL BITS.

Plants are said to grow faster between the hours of four and six a. m. than at any other time.

Coltsfoot leaves, well dried, were smoked in England prior to the introduction of tobacco.

The passion-flower, which grows in the South American forests, fades almost as soon as it is picked.

Sea weeds do not obtain nourishment from the soil at the bottom of the sea, but from the matter contained in sea water.

WINTER WEAKNESS

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. In winter the air of the close rooms in which we spend so much of the time does not furnish enough oxygen to the lungs to burn the food matter in the blood. In the cold season we do not exercise as much and the skin and kidneys do not throw off the waste matter as freely as usual. The system becomes overloaded with poisonous matter, and too feeble to throw it off. Relief can be had only through the use of a remedy that will promptly and thoroughly purify and strengthen the blood, and the one best adapted for this purpose is the great blood tonic known as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"They acted like magic in my case," said Mrs. Clara L. Wild, of No. 377 Farmworth avenue, Detroit, Mich. "I was weak and thin and could not sleep. My stomach and nerves were out of order. I can't describe how miserable I really was. I dragged through six months of feebleness, growing weaker all the time until I finally had to resign myself to a life of bed-ridden weakness. Then a glad day came, the day when I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They made me feel strong right away. My appetite came back, I took on flesh and the color returned to my cheeks. People wondered that these pills did for me what the doctors couldn't do. I took only six boxes and then I was perfectly well. If I had not found this wonderful remedy I surely think that I must have wasted to death. Believing firmly that these pills saved my life by the strength which they gave me at a critical moment, I unhesitatingly recommend them to others."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain no stimulants but give strength that lasts. They may be obtained of any drug store.



HOW TO PRUNE TREES.

Best Time and Manner of Performing the Work on Ornamental Trees.

Suckers may be removed at any time without injury and should not be allowed to grow. But severe pruning, as the removal of branches, is least injurious if performed during the dormant period. It is also better to prune in early spring, near the close of the period of rest, because exposed, unhealed wounds may cause damage from drying and infection by injurious fungi. Maples, however, must not be pruned when the sap flows freely from the wounds, as this tends to waste valuable food reserve, something which should be avoided.

Now the question arises, where and how shall the cut be made? If you will examine the branch to be cut near its supporting member, you will find a slight swelling in the bark. This is made by the cambium layer—the layer of plant tissue between wood and bark in which growth takes place. Just beyond this swelling will be found a more or less distinct line, marking the junction of the cambium layer of the supporting member and of the branch. The cambium layer of the supporting member will heal over promptly a wound made at this point, but if made much beyond it, it will not. And, since there is no leaf surface on the branch stump beyond the wound, there is no chance for the cambium layer of the branch to repair the injury. This stump will decay in time and permit the entrance of fungi that will eventually reach the heartwood and prepare the way for the final destruction of the tree.

Large wounds should be painted with lead and oil paint to preserve the wood. The cut should be made at right angles to the branch rather than parallel to the supporting member, and from both sides, as shown in the illustration at A. At B the branch is cut from above only and a serious injury results. At C the branch is cut off too far from the supporting member.

Dead or dying branches should be promptly cut off, as they invite inward decay. In pruning for symmetry, the form that is natural to the particular species of the variety should be encouraged. The elm, for instance, develops an open, spreading head, tending to be broadest toward the top, and should not be pruned to form a roundish, more compact head like the sugar maple. If the trunk is to be slender, branching may be induced by pinching or disbudding, especially in coniferous plants, like the Norway spruce, the more prominent terminal growing joints and by cutting back the top.

The idea that shade trees need no care whatever, says the Orange Judd Farmer, is entirely erroneous. Just as the garden requires weeding and periodical hoeing, the shade tree needs pruning and other attention. Give your trees as much care as you would if they were yielding \$100 each annually and you will be surprised at the result.

CROPS ON DRY SOILS.

Suggestions as to the Best Plan to Follow Up Planting the Seed.

When a man tries to work a dry soil and one that will remain dry throughout the season he must modify his operations to suit the case. It is not best for him to use upon such soil a crop that has to be sown broadcast, for the reason that it would be then impossible for any cultivation to be done to preserve moisture. He must drill his crops, placing the drills at sufficient distance apart to permit him to cultivate between the rows during the driest part of summer, and thus prevent the loss of all moisture, except through the leaves of the plants. Dry soil farming is therefore a science by itself. Its methods can never be those applicable to the humid states, says the Farmers' Review. The success of a farmer on a dry soil depends on his ability to study his own questions and to analyze his own situation.

A Bush Holder.

When planting currant or gooseberry bushes, try planting them in tiles in this way: Set the bush, then place a good-sized tile over it, sinking it into the ground deep enough to make it firm. It will also be supported from the outside by the mulch applied to the roots of the bush. The stems will grow up through the tile, being thus held away from the ground, so that they will never root down. They cannot sprout over the ground, which makes it much easier to pick the fruit, and there are never any berries soiled by contact with the earth. It also makes it easier to spray the foliage to destroy worms, as each branch stands upright, says the Country Gentleman. It seems more necessary to trim such bushes properly, to keep the old wood cut out, so that the bush will not become crowded, which is in itself quite an advantage. So many people think it entirely unnecessary to spend any extra time on currants and gooseberries, as they do well enough anyway.

THE SMALL FRUIT.

In most of our markets the demand for cherries is not supplied. Is the strawberry bed covered deep enough? Three inches of straw horse or hog manure is not too much. If you market your garden produce, plan to plant what your customers prefer, but if the garden is for home use, consult with the housewife. Leave parsnips and celery in the ground until spring. Freezing benefits and does not hurt them, and they thus retain the fresh crispness so appreciated in any vegetable. Farm Journal.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

During the year 1904 Siam exported more than \$12,000,000 worth of rice. Teak wood is second in value.

According to a recent report from Tokyo, there are 1,758 wholesale and 235,414 retail tobacco dealers in Japan.

The annual value of the mineral products of Germany is about \$250,000,000. Coal and iron are the most important.

Prof. T. J. J. See, of Washington, has determined the height of the atmosphere by a new system, which consists in noting the time of sunset and that of the complete disappearance of the blue of the sky.

With a tensile strength often exceeding 300,000 pounds per square inch, steel piano wire seems to be the strongest material known, and it possesses the additional valuable property of a very high elastic limit.

It is stated that the best managers, pattern designers and dyers in the Lancashire cotton mills, tempted by high wages, are going out to India and Japan to take charge of mills there. Great quantities of textile machinery are also being exported.

A peculiar process for separating non-magnetic particles like gold from sand has been patented by L. T. Weiss. The metallic particles in mass are electroplated with iron, by a special apparatus, and can then be separated by any magnetic method.

The use of milk of lime for quickly and effectively extinguishing fires in coal mines is recommended by Inspector Wolfgang Kummer, a German. The suggestion is not new, but has been newly tested with satisfactory results.

The emulsion—which can be used with hand or power pumps—runs into and fills the crevices of the coal or mineral. Statistics show that since January 1, 1904, 23 new furnaces, with a capacity of 3,137,000 tons of pig iron a year have been blown in, and that 16 furnaces, with a capacity of 1,830,000 tons a year, are now under construction in the United States. It may be added that plans for as many as 15 modern blast furnaces, in addition to the 16 now blowing, are quite sure to be put through.

IN VARIOUS LANES.

News comes from Strasburg that a large bust of the late President Kruger, destined to mark his grave in Pretoria, has just been completed by a sculptor at Sargemund, Lorraine.

All parts of Africa, except Abyssinia, Morocco and Liberia, are controlled directly or indirectly by some European power. French Africa is about equal in area to half the United States.

The official report of the French minister of commerce sets forth that the excess of imports to the French empire in France for the year 1904 is 57,026, as against an excess in 1903 of 72,106.

Paris taximeter cabs are to be fitted with small electric lamps, which will be at the service of the passenger upon slipping a small coin in a slot. The light will glow for about half an hour for each coin.

At Gera, Germany, a man who had had a tooth pulled used the dentist for the tooth, the dentist desiring to keep it on account of its curious shape and claiming ownership of it. The courts decided against the dentist.

Japan has a new periodical, Tegami Zasshi, the aim of which is to teach the writing of sensible letters. The editor warns his readers, among other things, against the habit of introducing sentimental phrases into business letters.

Thieves recently entered the home once occupied by Dante and possessed themselves of relics of the great poet. There they left scribbled on the walls a statement that the Florentines were fools because of having salable articles and not knowing it.

Switzerland has adopted mid-European time, the true local time for Bern being just half an hour later. The result of putting the working hours 30 minutes earlier in the day had such an effect on the consumption of gas that the gas company has been demanding a return to the old system.

OVER SEA HABIT.

Difference on This Side the Water.

The persistent effect upon the heart of caffeine in coffee cannot but result in the gravest conditions, in time. Each attack of the drug (and that means each cup of coffee) weakens the organ a little more, and the end is almost a matter of mathematical demonstration. A lady writes from a Western state: "I am of German descent and it was natural that I should learn at a very early age to drink coffee. Until I was 23 years old I drank scarcely anything else at my meals. "A few years ago I began to be affected by a steadily increasing nervousness, which eventually developed into a distressing heart trouble that made me very weak and miserable. Then, some three years ago, was added asthma in its worst form. My sufferings from these things can be better imagined than described. "During all this time my husband realized more fully than I did that coffee was injurious to me, and made every effort to make me stop. "Finally it was decided a few months ago to quit the use of coffee absolutely, and to adopt Postum Food Coffee as our hot table drink. I had but little idea that it would help me, but consented to try it to please my husband. I prepared it very carefully, exactly according to directions, and was delighted with its delicious flavor and refreshing qualities. "Just so soon as the poison from the coffee had time to get out of my system the nutritive properties of the Postum began to build me up, and I am now fully recovered from all my nervousness, heart trouble and asthma. I gladly acknowledge that now, for the first time in years, I enjoy perfect health, and that I owe it all to Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

OFFICER HOGAN'S CAPTURE

Worked a Double Identity Game on the Credulous Hold-Up Man.

The electric car was not far from half-way between Pullman and South Chicago and was pounding along monotonously with a flat wheel and five or six tired and sleepy passengers, relates the Chicago Tribune.

It stopped at a lonely crossing to take on another passenger—a man of enormous size, muffled up to the ears in a heavy overcoat.

No sooner had the newcomer stepped inside than he pulled a huge revolver from his coat pocket and said in a low but determined tone that was heard distinctly through the car: "Hands up, everybody!"

Every hand went up. With his deadly weapon held ready for instant action the bandit began on the first passenger.

"I'll just relieve you, my friend," he said, "of—"

"I guess you won't," interrupted the other, with an amused smile. "If you make another motion you're a dead man. Right behind you is Officer Dick Hogan, in plain clothes, and he's got the drop on you. Perhaps you didn't notice him when you came in."

The robber seemed to be up against a new name.

He hesitated. It might be true, and it might be a bluff.

If he went ahead with the hold-up he might be poked by the officer behind him and if he turned his head to see if any officer was there he exposed himself to a possible shot from the man in front of him.

"Wing him, Hogan," said the man, "if he moves a muscle unless I tell him to move it. Now, my friend, I'll trouble you to lower that shooting iron. Watch him, Dick! That's right, sir. Now hand me your gun with the butt end foremost. Let him have it. Dick, if he hesitates a second longer! Ah, thanks."

The passenger with the bandit's gun in his hand stood up.

"Now, you infernal scoundrel," he said, leveling the weapon at his head, "go and sit down in that corner!"

The robber obeyed.

Then, for the first time, he looked for the officer.

"Well, pard," he growled, "you played it on me all right. I don't see no Officer Hogan."

"I'm Officer Hogan," said the other, snapping the handcuffs on him, "and I'm feeling a bit streaked for letting you have the advantage of me for about five seconds."

(Note.—This is submitted as the rough draft of a detective story that could be easily padded out to 400 words or more by any aspiring young writer, and some discerning publisher might be glad to accept it and pay \$15 for it—on publication.)

Imposing Title.

The official title of King Carlos, of Portugal, is not a little imposing. He is "King of Portugal and the Algarves, within and beyond the seas in Africa, Lord of Guinea and of the navigation and commerce of Ethiopia, Arabia, Persia and of the West Indies," and he is equally well dowered in the matter of Christian names—Carlos Ferdinand Louie Marli Victor Michael Raphael Gabriel Gonzague Xavier Francis-Joseph-Joseph Simon. This, however, is by no means the longest list of names in the Portuguese royal family, for the King's eldest son is the proud possessor of seventeen, while his majesty's younger brother has twenty-two.

BOASTFUL CHICAGO MAN.

Started In to Blow About the Windy City and Was Blown Away.

A Chicago man boasted in New York as follows, says the Sun:

"You have some thoroughfares with strong currents of wind blowing in them, but you have to visit our lake front, when you want a real breath of fresh—"

He did not say "air," because he was struck unexpectedly speechless by the streak of invisible lightning which cuts across the nose of the Fulton building.

Approaching City Hall park he recovered his breath. He said:

"It was pretty windy up there, but the corners of our Dearborn street are—"

Same result. He was caught in the currents around the post office and floundered as in a whirlpool of wind.

But he did not give in. When he reached Battery park he said:

"Your winds are quite vigorous, but our Chicago winds are—"

Just then he was slammed inside the aquarium by a gust from the bay.

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Nervous Women

Their Sufferings Are Usually Due to Female Disorders Perhaps Unsuspected

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The relation of the nerves and generative organs in woman is so close that nine-tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous debility, the blues, sleeplessness and nervous irritability arise from some derangement of the organism which makes her a woman. Fits of depression or restlessness and irritability; spirits easily affected, so that one minute she laughs, the next minute weeps; pain in the abdominal region and between the shoulders; loss of voice; nervous dyspepsia; a tendency to cry at the least provocation—all these point to nervous prostration.

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